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PAYING FOR CONVENIENCE

STUDENTS PAY MORE ON CAMPUS RATHER THAN WALK THE EXTRA MILE FOR SAVINGS

by Lauren Podlubny and
Sheila Soder

It appears as though campus convenience is costing a pretty penny—but do students care?

In a comparison of prices at various campus businesses with similar businesses off campus, there was a significant difference in pricing for many items available on campus.

Of the 37 items compared in the sample, ranging from cigarettes to candy to computers, 31 items were more expensive at campus retail outlets, while one item was identically priced and five were less expensive. (See chart below.) Certain "essential" items, such as contact lens solutions, tampons, toilet tissue and toothpaste, are up to 63 per cent more expensive on campus.

While the overhead costs of running a business on a university campus may be higher than off campus, the price differences indicate the possibility of consistent overcharging.

The exception to the norm among the retailers in the sample was in the price of computers, where it is cheaper to buy them on-campus. According to Rob Lennie, an employee in the computer department at the University Bookstore, the price difference is due to academic discounts offered at the University Bookstore, which sells products exclusively to students and faculty with academic identification.

Some campus retailers were



Jaroslaw Malanowski

Is that a chocolate bar in your pocket, or are you just shopping on campus?

hostile when questioned about higher prices while others were very accommodating in their responses. The retailers generally defended their pricing policies. Darryl, the manager of Varsity Drugs in HUB Mall, who refused to give his last name to the *Gateway*, reluctantly said that "our prices are a lot higher." He explained that his store is unable to capitalize on wholesale quantity discounts. "We buy less ... there's no comparison on how

we establish our prices."

Other on-campus retailers agreed. Arkady Dvorkian, manager of Store Plus More in SUB, explained, "I look around, [I] try to price close to the same ... some [products] maybe more, some maybe less."

Economics professor Susan Kamp said that prices won't change until students exercise their purchasing power and choose not to buy overpriced products. "Inflation isn't the

right word ... it's a perfect example of a monopoly situation. The cost of walking down the street is higher than paying the extra cost of the chocolate bar outside their door," said Kamp. "[The retailers] have a captured market ... some people won't pay those higher prices."

Steven Glubrecht, a third year physical education student, agreed. "It's like paying for location. It's just the convenience you're paying for, which is kind of ridiculous. They know this and they can use it and exploit it."

"It's kind of rough, but what are you going to do?" asked first year science student Tim Lisevich. "It's not like you can force them to charge less."

However, Kamp argues that students can influence pricing. "If the demand changes ... then the prices would fall. As long as we are willing to pay, then it's our choice; we don't have to buy there. Until the price is high enough for them to do so, people will buy," she said.

YOU SAID IT
STUDENTS RESPOND TO
CAMPUS PRICES

"In a building where there are more condom machines than tampon dispensers [SUB], it's outrageous that stores are charging that much for tampons, a necessity."

—Meg Cox, Education IV

"It's your choice where you spend your money; a little common sense can save a lot of money. Convenience does cost."

—Taylor Daum, Arts III

"If I can't be bothered to go somewhere then obviously I'm going to pay the higher price. If it gets to the point where it bothers me I'll go somewhere else where it's cheaper."

—Marc Willacy, Civil Engineering III

"It's completely insane to be charging students this much money. The only reason they are doing it is because everybody's stuck here."

—Alex Zarate, Mechanical Engineering III

"It's pretty appalling. They're working on the fact that they have a monopoly ... especially because they've got all these residents that have no vehicles and depend on the stores [on campus]."

—Nikki Van Dusen, Arts Alumnus

"I don't have a car, so walking or bussing anywhere too far is a pain, especially in this weather."

—Amy Spencer, Arts II

"It's a matter of choice; it's a matter of convenience."

—Peter James, Engineering I

Dollars and cents: campus vs. off-campus

Percentage comparisons: + = more expensive on campus; - = more expensive off-campus

Varsity Drugs (HUB) vs. Shoppers' Drug Mart

Bausch & Lomb contact lens solution: 32% +

Alberto shampoo: 151% +

Aquafresh: 71% +

Degree: 33% +

Oral B dental floss: 12% +

Tampax Compak tampons: 63% +

Always pads: 18% +

Store Plus More (SUB) vs. 7-11

bottled pop: 22% +

cigarettes: 8% -

Koala Springs: 29% +

Taco Bell (SUB) vs. Taco Bell (6470 28 Ave)

soft taco: 20% +

nacho supreme: 30% +

bean burrito: 20% +

NOTE: comparisons are based on sampling done at off-campus locations on Sunday, November 17 and at on-campus between Monday, November 18 and Wednesday, November 20. Prices may change without notice.

they said it

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"I have something like dandruff in my eyebrows!"

A girl who wrote in to Sassy magazine's advice column, September 1992. We hope she's better now...

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Campus Connection

Campus news from across Alberta and Canada

The Gateway is a member of the National Student News Wire, an information sharing network for Canadian universities.

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PQ CHANGES TUITION POLICY

by Jen Ross

National Student News Wire

Students living in Quebec and attending school there will see no tuition increases while the Parti Quebecois is in power, announced Quebec Education Minister Pauline Marois at a press conference on Nov. 18.

Out-of-province and international students, however, will not fare as well.

Three major financial reforms topped Marois' agenda at the press conference. The first measure will freeze current tuition levels for Quebec residents at a \$1,682 maximum, and will last until the end of the PQ's mandate in 1998-99.

But the catch is that international and out-of-province students will see substantial hikes in tuition. Out-of-province students attending university in Quebec will now have to pay tuition equal to the national average of \$2,400.

This is the first time any province in Canada has established different tuition levels for residents and non-residents.

"The people of Quebec put more of their taxes into education than people in any other province. If other Canadians aren't paying taxes in Quebec, residents end up

losing money," said Christiane Miville-Deschenes, Marois' press secretary.

But Brad Lavigne, national chair for the Canadian Federation of Students, says the PQ government's allegations that students from out-of-province don't

Roughly 25 per cent of McGill's student population is from out of province and faced with tuition hikes of almost \$1,000.

contribute are false. He stresses that Canada has a national education system that is jointly funded by provincial and federal governments.

Lavigne also says this differential tuition system is unfair and that universities will end up turning students into "cash cows," as they try to attract more international and out-of-province students who will bring in more tuition money.

The third proposed financial reform is the creation of what many have dubbed "a failure tax." The fee will apply to CEGEP students who

fail more than one course in a semester. CEGEPs are like a cross between senior high school and college. Under the PQ plan, students would be required to pay \$2 per class hour for all courses they fail.

In response to these financial reforms, most student groups decided to proceed with the Nov. 20 protest they had scheduled prior to Marois' announcement.

Don McGowan, vice-president for student affairs at McGill University, says only the focus of the protest has changed. "We were planning on protesting against tuition increases, but now we will mainly be protesting the \$700-million budget cuts to education (an unofficial estimate to be confirmed in the PQ budget in March). McGill alone stands to lose \$18 million as a result of these cuts," says McGowan.

He says they will also be protesting the differential tuition. Roughly 25 per cent of McGill's student population is from out of province and faced with tuition hikes of almost \$1,000.

This article originally appeared in the Ontario, the University of Guelph's student newspaper.

Strike Paralyzes Trent

by Karsten W. Gitter

National Student News Wire

For the past two weeks, Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario has been paralyzed by a faculty strike. The faculty association officially went on strike beginning midnight Nov. 12 and has not yet resumed teaching.

A prolonged strike beyond the Christmas break might very well jeopardize reading week, a prospect which does not sit too well with students.

The conflict between the university's administration and the faculty revolves around three main issues: pay parity, proportionality and pension.

Facing massive funding cuts, the University considered it impossible to meet the faculty's demand for settlement parity to be maintained at the provincial average of a 0.8 per cent increase.

As neither the administration nor the faculty was willing to budge on any of the three issues at hand, no settlement was reached by a self-imposed deadline of Tuesday, Nov. 26. As a result, negotiations have now ceased and neither party has returned to the bargaining table. Midterms have now officially been delayed until January of 1997 and classes remain cancelled until an agreement has been reached.

Considering the deadlock in negotiations, it seems likely that classes will not resume before the Christmas break.

According to Matt Gallinger, vice-president student issues of Trent University's student's association, students on campus are sincerely "pissed off," not only about the strike itself, but

especially about the poor handling of the entire affair.

While the faculty alliance had been aware of the possibility of a strike as early as April 1996, no efforts had been made to inform the student body. Gallinger brought the same charge against the administration, stating that the entire matter was "extremely poorly handled by both the administration and the profs." Only a few weeks before the strike deadline, Trent's student newspaper *The Arthur* had finally been able to obtain some information and had printed a couple of articles. However, many students on campus remained unaware of the pending strike and were caught by surprise when they found their professors picketing outside the various buildings.

As first-year Environmental Science student Wendy Cooper stated, "most of us were totally left in the dark."

When negotiations collapsed on Tuesday, Nov. 26, many students decided to leave campus and return home. Many students are so enraged and disappointed that they are considering transferring to other universities. As Cooper pointed out, "I am paying good money to attend this university, only to be treated in such an unfair manner."

Due to this treatment, students are siding with neither side in the conflict, in spite of some recent attempts by faculty to attract student support.

While Gallinger expressed hopes that talks would resume by Monday, Dec. 2, a settlement in the near future seems very unlikely.

This article originally appeared in Imprint, Waterloo University's student newspaper.

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Nomination Procedures:

A letter of nomination signed by at least 10 undergraduate students plus any supporting material which is thought to be appropriate should be submitted for each nominee. The Faculty of Science Award for Excellent Teaching Selection Committee will ensure that all nominations are fully documented before the winner(s) is/are chosen

Eligibility:

All nominees must be tenured, have held a Faculty appointment in the Faculty of Science and have undergraduate teaching experience at this University for at least five years prior to nomination. Previous winners of the award are excluded from further competition.

Information

Contact the Chair of the Faculty of Science Award for Excellent Teaching Selection Committee:

Dr. J.S. Nelson, Associate Dean
Faculty of Science
CW223 Biological Sciences Building
E-Mail: JSNelson@sci.ualberta.ca

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: 7 FEBRUARY 1997

LETHBRIDGE IN LIMBO

About 100 students turned out to vote in a town hall meeting at the University of Lethbridge that was to decide whether their SU president should run for MLA.

Because the numbers were too small for a quorum, the U of L students' council will vote on the issue Dec. 4th.

We'll bring you full coverage of the Lethbridge decision once we resume publication in January.

Paranoia helps students

STUDENT T-SHIRT BUSINESS CONTRIBUTES TO ACCESS FUND

by Rose Yewchuk

A student-run company is doing so well that it can afford to put other students through school.

Paranoid Ink, a custom silk-screening company, has donated some of its profits to the Student Access Fund—a bursary program for students in financial need.

"When we started, we wanted to give something back to the University," said general manager Joseph Ferenbok. "We are really big on supporting the University because the University has supported us." To date, Paranoid Ink has donated \$240 to the Access Fund.

The company was started last summer by Ferenbok and two of his friends. They currently employ 9 students, own their own workshop, and are free of debt.

Ferenbok said that the company specializes in t-shirts,

sweat shirts, and golf shirts, though they have recently diversified to mouse pads and towels. They are licenced to use the U of A logo and have produced t-shirts for student groups.

"T-shirts have been our backbone so far," said Ferenbok. He said that Paranoid Ink takes orders from interested groups and designs products to meet their needs. "We develop a graphic and a concept for them and once they like it we print it up," he said.

Ferenbok hopes to eventually expand the company and open distribution branches at other Alberta universities. "We're actually expanding all the time," he said, explaining that the company is continually "going after more of the market share."

Paranoid Ink has also contributed to the Sexual Assault Centre, the Adhoc Theatre, and the St. Albert HIV/AIDS society.

HUB yourself a merry little Christmas...

Chinese library, new tenants just in time for the holidays

by Sheila Soder

The sound of Christmas music in HUB's halls indicate more than just the upcoming season of glad tidings—it also reflects several changes in the mall.

The music is from High Level Brass, a five member classical music group whose members also play in the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. They will perform Dec 4 and 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in front of the Arts court.

"[The music] will be a mixture

"We spent \$4,000 on decoration this year ... we are trying to upgrade our image."

—Teresa Chambers, HUB Mall marketing and promotions

of traditional and some jazzier stuff," said Kathryn Macintosh, the group's coordinator and trombone player. "Al [Alan Gilliland on trumpet] plays a pretty mean Rudolph."

The musicians are funded by HUB mall promotions and the Musicians Performance Trust Fund, administered by the Edmonton Musicians Union.

"Sometimes people are so used to hearing [classical music] in the mall; they don't even think where it is coming from," said Macintosh. "We're here to remind them that it is not just from a machine [on which] you push a button."

Teresa Chambers of HUB's marketing and promotions depart-



Dave Nasser

The new Chinese Library study space, just in time for finals.

ment says that the musicians are also there to "help the students feel more festive."

Both Chambers and Macintosh said that response to the music has been excellent. "A lot of people ... at this level of education ... have an awareness of music," said Macintosh. "We've had quite a lot of positive feedback—people who stop and listen to a few selections and applaud."

The music is part of HUB gearing up for Christmas—for the first time in five years, decorations have been added.

"We spent \$4,000 on decoration this year," reported Chambers. "We are trying to upgrade our image."

The decorations were done by Neat & Unique, the same company that decorated Edmonton Centre and the Hotel MacDonald. "We're really impressed that ... except for one incident ... people haven't stolen anything," said Chambers.

Also new to the mall are The Body Shop and Sticks Custom Design. Chambers also reports that the mall has undergone several recent renovations, such as the addition of 195 new seats and the current work being done on the Arts court lounge. As well, the relocated Chinese Library above A&W, with a new 24 hour study space and games room, will celebrate its grand opening today from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GET A JOB!

Employment agency helps Arts and Science grads

by Neal Ozano

Finished your degree in arts or science? Flailing helplessly for employment in your field? Saylor's Employment and Consulting is the place for you.

If you've been out of university for more than six months and still haven't managed to grab a job in your field, you may qualify for Saylor's government-funded placement program.

The program, the first of its kind anywhere, is designed to place students with prospective employers willing to provide work experience and on-the job training. A total of 36 students will be accepted into the pilot program.

"This is the first time that this type of program has been made available to university grads," said Judy Saylor, the firm's managing director.

Saylor's uses a wage subsidy from Human Resources Development Canada to encourage corporations to make positions available for grads. The program targets specific 'problem' faculties that lack practicum courses for grads. "In the arts and sciences faculties, there is nothing like [a practicum] because it really isn't career-focused," said Saylor.

The program accepts graduates who have been struggling to find relevant employment. "Some of the people we have on the job have been working as retail clerks, or baby sitters, or security guards, and we've considered them for the program," she said. Youth unemployment is presently between 15 and 17 per cent.

Through Saylor's, students explore various methods of networking. "They do a variety of

things to get their foot in the door and find out what companies have to offer," said Saylor. She noted that the first 12 students listed with the company quickly found employment. "Within the first five weeks, we were able to get almost everybody employment in some really good jobs."

Other corporations were enticed by the whole concept of wage subsidization. "We have a lot of organizations calling in and saying 'so, I hear you have a wage subsidy program for university grads. We could really be interested. Could you send us some information?' So it's been a snowball effect," remarked Saylor.

Saylor's whole recruitment system hinges on the employer. "We have always been an employment agency, but the way we do employment recruitment is that employers come to us, and say 'we will pay you for finding this type of person', not the other way around, where you just give me a resume and I find you work."

On January 13, Saylor's will be accepting the last group of 12 graduates into its employment program. Interested students can try for a spot in the program by contacting Saylor's at 488-5646, or e-mail them at saylers@hi-net.com.

Co-rrection

In last Thursday's Council Digest (Gateway, Nov 28 1996, page 3), it was stated that Education councillor Kelly Delaney opposed a motion to give faculties the option of implementing Faculty Student Funds. In fact, Delaney abstained from the vote on the motion, although he expressed some opposition to it during open discussion at the council meeting. The Gateway apologizes for any misunderstanding.

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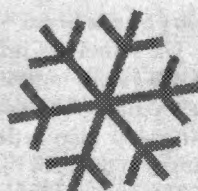
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You can help by supplying a Christmas Food Hamper containing all of the food supplies to make a Christmas dinner (we will provide you with a list of what's required). Many of our families also have children or teenagers so a gift for each child would be a nice addition to the hamper.

If you have any questions or would like to sponsor a family you can call Fiona Bassie at 492-2175

Items to Include in Christmas Food Hampers

Turkey	Stuffing Mix
Cranberry Sauce/Tinned Whole cranberries	Canned Vegetables (choice - 3 tins)
Potato Flakes/Small sac Potatoes	Fruitcake/Fruitcake Mix
Fruit juice (Tetra) - orange, cranberry	Chocolates
Candy Canes or Other "treats" for Children	Coffee/tea
Sugar (2 kg)	Flour (4 kg)
tinned fruit - mandarin oranges, mixed fruit	jelly preserves
gingerbread or Shortbread Cookie Mix	Pop/Chips
Tinned Fish (shrimp, oysters, crab,...)	Crackers
Spices - cinnamon, nutmeg	(Optional) Tree Ornament
Small gift for the children or teenagers	(Optional) Small Canned Ham



Please follow these guidelines so that we will ensure that all our families receive the standard size hamper. We provide quite different things in our regular hampers (i.e. tuna, beans, pasta, cereal, mac. & cheese, rice, powdered milk, peanut butter, etc.). The Christmas hamper is intended as a break from the "staples" that food bank users become accustomed to week after week.

Christmas hampers will be given out to the families on December 20 so hampers need to be ready before that time. The Campus Food Bank office is located in the Graduate Students Association Office, Room 206, North Power Plant (492-2175). Please deliver your hamper or call to have the hamper picked up in the week preceding December 20.

Thank you very much for your special concern for those less fortunate the Holiday Season.

Are you a student leader?

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If you are interested, please submit the following to Garrett Poston, SU President:

- a letter outlining your interests
- a one-page essay on why you think you should go

Deadline for entries is **Friday, December 6 at 4:00 pm**, in Room 2-900 SUB. The SU will randomly selected delegates from all eligible applicants

Due to unforeseen circumstances we will require all of your **corrections and deletions** for the **Student Telephone Directory**. Your submissions are due by January 17th, 1997. Thank you.

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Help-ful info

Student Help can get you through exams

by Chris Miller

It's crunch time at the U of A, but no matter how stressful things become, Student Help director Rachel Devins wants students to know there is a friendly ear for them.

"[Student Help] is a peer counselling service. We don't solve people's problems, but we do help them figure out what they want to do," Devins said Friday.

"No problem is too small. You have every right ... to come in and talk about it."

—Student Help director Rachel Devins

Volunteers who take two training courses per year handle calls on everything from personal problems, such as troubled relationships or academic stresses, to students seeking referrals to other campus agencies such as Student Legal Services or Safewalk.

Because it is peer-based, volunteers can often empathize with those needing help. After talking to someone, people often find their problems easier to deal with, Devins said. "Once they get a chance to talk about it, they know what they want to do."

Student Help gets about 150 calls a month from people seeking information or referrals. But volunteers also get 20 to 30 "heavy calls" per month, which deal with relationships, academic stresses or depression and suicide.

"It could be that the person has clinical depression and they're off their medication. That's not the same situation [as] someone who failed their exam. It's really case by case," said Devins.

No matter what the circumstances are, she emphasized that volunteers are non-judgmental listeners who will keep the issues brought to them in confidence. As well, students don't have to give their names when talking to volunteers.

No matter what their concerns are, students shouldn't hesitate to contact Student Help, even if it's just to get something off their chests.

"No problem is too small. You have every right ... to come in and talk about it," Devins said.

Students don't have to make appointments to talk to a volunteer, and can call by phone or in person. Volunteers can also refer people to professional counselors if necessary.

Student Help tries to arrange shifts so both male and female volunteers are available. There are 44 volunteers in total, though Devins hopes to see 5 or 10 more people join. Anyone interested in volunteering can pick up an application form at 030N SUB.

Student Help is open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Friday and 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturdays. The office will be closed from Dec. 20 to Jan. 3. Their phone number is 492-HELP (4357). Outside regular office hours, Edmonton Distress Line is available 24-hours a day at 482-HELP (4357).

Wishful thinking

We asked students and faculty around campus what they were hoping to get during the annual consumer meltdown period otherwise known as Christmas. Here's what you said about what you wanted from Santa...

photos by Chris Miller



Jim Laird, third year education:
"My degree."



Sharon Go, first year science:
"A guy."



Laurie Eisler, Pandas volleyball coach:
Some rest and lots of turkey.



Garrett Poston, Students' Union President:
A nice golf vacation to Arizona and to be able to drink out of a Students' Union-operated Power Plant.



Amy Woo, first year science:
"On my list I've got clothes and CDs—the necessities."



Don Horwood, Golden Bears basketball coach:
"I got my gift as far as the team is concerned: our five-and-one record before Christmas. And of course health and happiness to everybody."

Re: Appeal of CRO decision
Complainant: Martin Settle
Dater of Ruling: November 14, 1996

D.I.E. Board Ruling

Members Present:
Kimberley Goddard, chair
Carl Gill, regular member
Marshall Gourlay, regular member
Farrukh Naqvi, regular member
Andrew Sharpe, regular member

Facts: on November 7, 1996, the Edmonton Journal, the Edmonton Sun, and several radio stations ran stories about the Students' Union plebiscite which was still in progress until that evening. The article contained several quotes from the S.U. president, Garrett Poston, who was also a proponent of the "yes" side of the campaign issue. A complaint was laid with the CRO arguing that the media coverage was clearly biased towards the "yes" position and therefore, should be considered an aspect of the campaign, and that Garrett Poston violated the neutrality of his executive decision by being involved in the media coverage. The complainant further argued that as the coverage was published on a day of voting, this was in violation of Bylaw 350.9a:

Campaigning shall last for eight (8) consecutive days, starting at 1800 Hours on the first Monday, continuing through the next weekend, and ending at 1800 Hours on Tuesday before voting begins.

Lastly, the complaint claimed that as the media coverage was biased towards the "yes" side, this constituted a gift in kind and as such, should be included in the calculation of campaign expenses; which if followed, would lead to a violation of Bylaw 350.9.j.ii:

Each side of the plebiscite shall be eligible to spend five hundred dollars (\$500) on materials for and other costs associated with its campaign.

The complainant believed that the media coverage was a result of a press release made by a member of the S.U. Executive.

C.R.O. Ruling: the C.R.O. ruled that after his investigation it was discerned that no press release was issued, but that the Newsprint Media learned of the plebiscite through the Gateway. He further found that the radio stations had received their new stories from reading the daily papers. Consequently, it was ruled that there was no violation of the above listed bylaws, and no action was taken as a result of the complaint.

D.I.E. Board Appeal: this decision was appealed on the basis that whether a press release was issued was irrelevant as Garrett Poston complied with external campaigning activities, violated the imposed campaign black-out, and through his actions facilitated the news coverage.

Issue: D.I.E. Board determined that the underlying issue was whether by contacting the newspapers Garrett Poston was campaigning for the "yes" side. According to Bylaw 350.3.d the definition of campaign is:

"campaign" means any planned or organized act by either side of a referendum or plebiscite which is calculated to increase support for either side.

D.I.E. Board Decision: It was determined during the hearing, that Garrett Poston called the Edmonton Sun newspaper on Wednesday, November 6, 1996 and addressed the plebiscite with the reporter. It was also determined that this phone call was in response to a message from the Sun requesting a return call. It could not, however, be determined if, or when, he contacted the Edmonton Journal; consequently this specific incident could not be verified and was removed from the discussion. Therefore, the Board deliberated on whether his phone call was a "planned or organized act" that was "calculated to increase support for either side". The Board agreed that in his position as president of the S.U., Garrett Poston would be faced with any number of messages requesting interviews from newspapers; as such it could not be determined if he knew the purpose of the original call and was contacting the reporter simply within the legitimate scope of his position. The intent with respect to using this contact as a campaign opportunity arose at the moment the first plebiscite related question was asked, as it would be known that the article would run the following day (during the election black-out). As the Journal article had been excluded from deliberation, the Sun article was examined and the Board ruled that it did take steps to address the "no" side issues of the campaign; subsequently the article was not directly biased as it carried a neutral flavour in its reporting. While the Board felt that this was highly inappropriate and thoughtless behavior on the part of an acting executive officer, carelessness and this sort of intolerable impropriety are not direct violations of the Bylaws; consequently, it was unanimously agreed that this action did not constitute campaigning, and the C.R.O.'s ruling was upheld. The Board would like to note that it believes this sort of behavior displayed an overwhelming lapse in judgment, and needlessly brought the operation of the S.U. plebiscite into disrepute. Whenever an executive member of the S.U. is an interested party in any sort of election, referendum or plebiscite, it should be expected that they show the presence of mind to either refrain from commenting to external media sources or refer the inquiry to a neutral third party.

Appeal denied
[Signed]
Kimberley Goddard
D.I.E. Board Chair

opinion

Managing Editor: Jill Dixon 492-5178

RANK THIS

The Canadian federal government has long been viewed as a bastion of eastern supremacy.

The eastern provinces, namely Quebec and Ontario, have always had more Members of Parliament, more Senators (simply because they've always had larger population), and consequently more power.

Politically this is a known and accepted fact and because of the disparity a rivalry has surfaced between the eastern and western provinces. As far as rivalries go, because of the magnitude of the stage on which this rivalry plays itself out, it has garnered the most attention from the media. However, this east-west rivalry is evident everywhere, and nowhere outside of Parliament Hill is the rivalry more obvious than in CIAU sports and CIAU rankings.

The CIAU's weekly rankings of the top teams in the country have been accepted by many non-insiders as unbiased and objective. However, the way in which the University of Alberta Golden Bears hockey team was treated in the rankings after they took three of four points from the number-one ranked, undefeated University of Calgary Dinosaurs just goes to show that the east still doesn't have the respect for the west that they should.

The Bears entered their most important weekend of the year ranked fifth, and after delivering to the number-one team in the country their first loss and coming out of the weekend above .500; they were still ranked fifth.

Either the eastern schools don't realize the magnitude of what the Bears accomplished this weekend or they are attempting to wield their last ounce of power to show the supremacy of the east.

Unfortunately, the rankings have no bearing on who goes to nationals or conference rankings so the east is basically just showing the country their ignorance and insecurity.

They realize the west is on a level playing field with them and they are desperately clinging to the hope that sheer public opinion will put them back on top.

It won't.

Wade Tymchak, sports editor

IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE COSTS, ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES



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Three lines crud

I am very disgusted with the crud that you people are allowing to be printed in the TLF column. The swearing and dehumanizing comments made towards other students makes me sick to my stomach. For example, I have the right to publicly point out another student in a certain course by time and date. Then I can physically describe this person along with their first name—oh, but this person is protected by slander because I am not allowed to say their last name and there is no way university students would be able to piece these descriptions together and find out who the person is. I am all set now to tell this person to f@k off, shut up, take a bath or some other rude comment. Finally, to make this person feel lower than they already are, I will take it

upon myself to sign the TLF from the rest of the class because I do not have enough balls to confront to this person face to face with my concerns.

Writing one of this type of TLF has got to be the most immature, cowardly thing one can do. I don't think anyone has the right to publicly say these words to another person. As for the Gateway itself, you should be ashamed for allowing these kind of TLF's to be printed. It's sad that the only way you can get students to pick up your paper is to print these TLF's. Oh, but the TLF's are supporting the Food Bank. This has got to be the joke of the year, having a humane organization like the Food Bank associated with dehumanizing TLF's. You should send a copy of the Gateway to them and ask them if they like it. You should try operat-

ing on a professional level that does not humiliate and embarrass its readers.

I have a funny feeling part of my SU fees go towards funding this poor excuse for a university students newspaper. And yes, I am signing my name.

Kevin Hovdebo

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LETTERS CONTINUED

Correction

It is clear from Dave Losey's quote in the *Gateway* that the SU has not paid enough attention to communications from the GSA regarding the profitability of the Power Plant. Mr. Losey states, "They [GSA] need to get rid of it [the Power Plant] because they're losing money." In fact, the Power Plant is an profitable business venture for the GSA—it earned over \$16,000 in net profits last month alone.

The SU remains convinced that it could not run a graduate-only lounge because, in their words, "We would be subsidizing graduate students." Perhaps the SU should look at the proposition in another way: by closing Dewey's and running the Power Plant—graduate lounge and all—the SU would be making money instead of continuing to lose money with Dewey's.

Bob Picken
VP finance & administration
GSA

LEECHY

Although I have been reading the *Gateway* for 7 years, I am still continually amazed at the drivel I read from some of the columnists. In last week's column by L.A. Craggs "The Drug Problem" he reveals his total lack of understanding of the pharmaceutical industry and the problems facing Canada's health care system. He claims that generic drug manufacturers are "talentless leeches" who steal from brand name pharmaceutical companies, preventing them from making a profit and destroying research. What nonsense. For over a decade both Bay Street and Wall Street have been posting record corporate profits. The stock market is at its highest point in history and it includes an expanding and profitable pharmaceutical industry. Clearly they are not "forbidden to profit" as L.A. Craggs suggests.

In addition, generic drug manufacturers play an important role in not only improving existing drugs but in keeping drug prices affordable. This is critical for our health care system where every dollar is already being stretched to its limits. Albertans more are interested in getting quality health care than giving even more money to the shareholders of big multinational pharmaceutical corporations.

Furthermore the claim that ge-

neric drug manufacturers are destroying research is simply not true. Drug patent applications have been steadily rising for years, to the point where the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) now has its approval process backed up years for most drugs. These applications aren't all rip-offs of brand name drugs either, they are required to be different. Admittedly, some of these drugs differ from the generics by only a few atoms, but research often leads different companies down the same path.

Finally his wish for "justice" which apparently involves supporters of generic drug manufacturers (like myself) "dying of a disease that was never cured because manufacturers are forbidden to profit from it" is not only sick, but stupid. If I ever die from a disease, it is far more likely that to be because I can't afford the treatment, rather than because pharmaceutical companies failed to find a cure because there wasn't enough profit in it. In fact, AIDS and cancer patients are already dying in Canada and throughout the world because they can not afford the incredible cost of new drugs.

If L.A. Craggs really wants to solve "The Drug Problem" he would be better off focusing his efforts on legalizing marijuana. He would also have much more fun.

John Osborne
Grad Studies III

EATING CRO

Well, well, well, as the term draws to a close, I look back realizing I don't miss a single day over the past three months. I don't miss the lack of money in my pocket—every one can guess why that is—I don't miss the biology labs where we were spreading colonies with toothpicks because of lack of sterile equipment and I especially don't miss my dealing with the infamous Students' Union.

When I applied for a position with the SU and was passed over for reasons other than my actual qualifications, I turned to the committee that would try and rectify my treatment and was once again ignored. It was at this moment that I realized the Students' Union suffered from a disease and like all acknowledged diseases, it has a name: Just-because-I-have-a-title-doesn't-mean-I-have-to-comply-with-it. At the end of this year, I will look back and realize that my \$88.00 (for Students' Union fees) went to waste, and I, like anyone else in this day and age, don't like to throw my money away.

So I encourage everyone who has a bone to pick with the Students' Union to put it forth. Although you may receive the same treatment I received, maybe we will be able to cure them of this disease. Maybe they will realize that we aren't just the student body but the student body who care about the treatment they receive and who cares about how they are represented.

Amanda Read
Faculte St. Jean II

DRUG WAR

To L.A. Craggs:

Just so you know, the generic drug manufacturers do a lot of good for society. For instance, do you simply think that when they manufacture a generic drug they don't do any testing of their own? Sure, they maybe didn't come up with the very first drug of that kind that was put on the market, but that isn't to say they weren't already developing the same type of drug on their own. Not only does it take a long time to develop and test a new medication, the process involves competition between drug companies for the new breakthrough. Also, the generic drug companies are not simply banking all the money they make from selling and manufacturing drugs. They provide educational benefits to the Faculties of Pharmacy all across the country and finance research in many different areas.

Anyway, since it seems that your opinion is one of detest for the generic drug industry, I'm assuming that what I have said isn't going to change your mind. However, next time you decide to bash one of my faculty's biggest supporters or pick up your prescription for a fraction of what it normally would cost (since when large companies have a monopoly they can jack up the prices) remember this: Which beer company came up with the first

recipe for beer?

Which one copied it or made a few minor adjustments? Maybe you should find out and limit the country's selection of beer to one kind because the other companies didn't do enough research into their own beer!!

Carin Gainsforth
Pharmacy

INFIGHTING

Mr. Craggs, whether or not you intended it, you seem to have attacked my position on pornography, or rather what I defined as soft porn (Oct. 24).

I think it necessary to point out several gaping holes in the logic of your argument for the freedom of soft porn. You begin by speaking of jealousy. I, by my expression of disgust for what has been decided for me to be the perfect body, am really expressing a sub-conscious desire to have that body. While I may not deny that if offered a set of 22 inch biceps I would not turn it down, I could just as easily attain that on my own. Either through legitimate exercise or steroids it is achievable. But I don't want that. Let me quote myself: "I don't know about you, but to be that image is more work and expense than I would ever wish to expend..."

What I am shunning here is not the perfect body that I lack, but rather the 'body only' image that is presented to me as the ultimate possible achievement for humanity. Which brings me to your second misstep. You claim that what I, and others wish to promote is a "inner beauty" over and above the physical. Let's quote me again on that one. "I think that the human body is a fantastic piece of work, elegant in every function ... But perfection in form includes ... wrinkles, sags and fat." Thus, what I really am promoting is the whole person. I think that the 'inner person' (a stu-

pid term for the mind and soul) is not above and beyond the body. How could it? They are all part of what constitutes a human. I am not fixating on the outer body and its abuse in the advertising industry because I want people to achieve true enlightenment and renounce the physical. That, Mr. Craggs actually says correctly, is unhealthy.

Let's just turn to your last couple of fallacies. For some reason obvious to only you, your argument goes from being upset with my attack on soft-porn to a defence of XXX. I already said that I could care less if someone (apparently you) wants to indulge themselves in that kind of crap. But why do you feel it so important to defend something that is so inherently ugly that it still is abhorrent to our promiscuous society? One could cite numerous studies (which I admittedly do not have access to) that show direct relations between pornography and violent/sex offenders. This I think is a great deal more relevant than your supposed correlation between normal people and the purchase of porn. Especially when you draw moral conclusions from such a snake-oil argument.

The main axis of my article called for individuals to reject the narrow and biased images that a small segment of our population have told us and educated us to believe was perfection. You interpret this as a "vendetta against anything other than a repressed expression of human sexuality"? Mr. Craggs, I cannot help but think that you were wilfully blind to this (or else functionally illiterate). Don't worry, I will not ask you to change your views, nor to kowtow to what you interpret as "repressed sexuality." I am content to point out that the views you attempt to promulgate are as hypocritical and narrow-minded as you claim that I am.

Quinn Barreth

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FRIENDS WITH ONLY VOICES

"Hi. My name's Natalie. I'm twenty years old. I'm looking to meet some people. I'm new in town. My mailbox is 5555. Talk to you later. Bye." I wrote and recorded this ad myself. I left it on a local introductions service for several days. "Why?" you ask. I've become increasingly aware of these kinds of services. They're in local arts and entertainment magazines, on TV, they have billboards. Quite frankly, I was curious. Since it was free, I enlisted the help of a fellow staff member, and we dove into the world of friends and lovers you might never have to meet.

Since my esteemed co-writer's ad was full of very thinly veiled innuendo, I thought a good contrast would be an ad placed by a young woman who genuinely wants to find friends in a strange city and thinks a service like this is a good place to start. Not surprisingly, my Natalie was not nearly as popular on the system as Christine's Tammy. Natalie's respondents were much more courteous and not nearly as lewd in their comments:

"Natalie, you said you wanted to meet some people because you're new in the city. I'm an attached male, five foot ten, brown hair blue eyes, weighing approximately 168 to 170 pounds. I'm doing this all on my own. I'm looking to meet some new, fun and exciting people. Are you interested?"

"Hi, Natalie, my name is Craig. I'm twenty-three, five foot eight, I have short brown hair, and brown eyes. I just listened to your ad. I found it really interesting. I don't really know what I'm supposed to say, because I don't like talking to machines. If you want to know more about me, listen to my ad if you still want to know more and you'd like to talk. Please call, thanks, bye."

"Hi, Natalie, I must have missed you there. Sorry, maybe we can connect some other time. Or today, if you're into it."

"Natalie, are you interested in getting together with a very good-looking attached gentleman, five foot ten? I weigh approximately 168 to 170 pounds. I'm doing this all on my own, looking for fun and exciting times. If you're interested, get back to me. If not, drop me a line."

Natalie's messages ended there and if you read carefully, you'll notice that some of them are repeats. The prime time for receiving messages is in the first few days of the ad being on "the system". Natalie's ad couldn't compete

with Tammy's as far as obscene content or number of calls. This just goes to show that a service like this, while it emphasizes discretion and safety, can only shield you from certain cli-

ents after you've already been disgusted by one of their ads. Simply having an ad in a certain category should not open you up to vile, porn-fed messages. If an unknown male approached me on the street and said, "I want you to fuck my face", I would be offended. It would be inappropriate; the equivalent of urinating in the plants at your friend's house. While these systems are apparently set up to protect users from stalking and that sort of thing, it also protects the dirty men.

If the dirty men are the first category, the shy boys are the second. "Craig" made me feel so manipulative that I was almost compelled to call him, which, I suppose, could be his hook for reeling in the system chicks. I was in territory that was unfamiliar. I felt like an interloper. These people all knew the lingo and they could probably tell that I was a personal ad virgin by the way my voice trailed off in the end.

What really hurt was that Natalie's ad just didn't pull the men in the way Tammy's did. My competitive nature wouldn't do any good. The ads were out there for all to hear. Tammy was the favorite. The flighty, flirty nature of Tammy's ad is what I assume appealed to the male callers in the "casual connections" division of this labyrinth of voice prompts and touch tones. If you're out to meet women over the telephone with the mysterious help of a microchip man with an oily voice, you won't choose the woman that could easily be the mousy brunette in the adjoining cubicle at work. A vaguely trashy, out-of-control, spiral-permed sexual animal is the sort of gal you're going for, and for some reason, she's on "the system" instead of at Club Malibu wriggling in a baby T. Maybe she broke her leg during some wild bedroom escapade and now the only way she can receive pleasure is to call this service, propped up on satin pillows in her crotchless panties and her peek-a-boo bra. Now all she needs is the guy that works nights at a warehouse to come on over and don the matador costume in the closet.

On the other hand, maybe everyone on the system is just playing games. Oh, I hope so.

Jill Dixon

"Hi. My name is Tammy. I'm 21 years old and I like puppies and having a lot of fun. I'm thinking of getting a tattoo, but I'm not sure what and I'm not sure where, but I'm really



Jill Dixon and Christine Osinchuk phone out for sex.

open to suggestions. I'm sort of a career-girl, so I'm looking for a guy who doesn't necessarily need a commitment. I'm new to the system, but I really want to meet people, so box me."

That was me, trying to figure out exactly what kind of people are out there responding to personal ads. Now I'm not so sure that I wanted to know.

"Hi Tammy... let's just say I'm a little older than you... I'm in a relationship that isn't really going anywhere though... so if you wanna have some fun, get back to me."

"... I think you sound really interesting. With the job I do, I can't really give a commitment right now. It takes me out of the country a lot..."

"Let's just say I like to eat out... I'm just looking for someone who wants to fuck my face."

"I have an idea... why don't we get a tattoo on my tongue, and I'll transfer it to any spot you want on or in your body."

"So you wanna get a tattoo and you're not sure where. Well, I'd have to check you out first and see where it should go. So if you want to get together with a well-endowed male..."

"Just wondering if you're up for a little hot, steamy phone sex tonight."

"I was just looking for a brief encounter, so if you can help me out, get back to me."

"Go for the tattoo. It sounds really sexy... just make sure you really know what you want. And if you're really serious about it, got to see my friends at..."

"Yin-yang at your power center, four centimeters below your navel..."

"Get a flower tattooed on your breast, with your nipple being the center of it."

Admittedly, I did place my ad in a Casual Encounters category. I don't really know what kind of responses I was expecting to get, but I

The "Men On the Line" Feature will appear in January

certainly was taken aback by some of the more graphic ones.

And I did get quite a few replies from people who just wanted to chat, or to meet up for coffee. Simple, casual, non-sex related. This led me to wonder whether these people were looking in the wrong category, or if they simply had a different interpretation of "Casual Encounters" than those people who left very detailed sexual messages.

Just because someone is looking for a casual encounter doesn't necessarily mean they want to hear about the great sex they could have (in full detail, of course) before the respondee even mentions anything about himself other than the fact that he is "well-endowed". It would be nice if these guys could get sex off the brain just long enough to decide if this person is actually somebody they might want to have sex with, not just because she's got breasts and a vagina.

Whatever the case, there was a very small handful of replies that I may have considered replying to, if I was doing this seriously. The few guys who left these messages were extremely polite, and sounded almost lonely. The operative word here, though, is FEW. Over the past week or so, I got about 20 messages. Of those, I may have responded to three, but even that might be pushing it. Jill's impression of being a manipulator translated into pangs of guilt for me. Those two or three lonely guys almost made me want to cry; I felt as if I was "leading them on" by placing my ad.

Searching through other ads that people had placed, it became obvious that the ads people place aren't likely to be true. There were many ads with people saying they had tried this before, and when they went to meet the person, they were not at all what they said they would be.

Well duh. I figured that out after hearing the first "I'm a handsome, muscular, well-endowed six-foot athlete-type." The second time I heard a similar ad, it was funny. By the sixth time, I wanted to vomit.

Even so, I have to admit, my Tammy persona enjoyed all the attention she received. I felt somewhat sorry for Natalie, what with her not getting many responses, but I guess the better woman came out on top, if you know what I mean. But Tammy's pleasure in the game was indeed short-lived.

So the personal ads weren't for me, or for Tammy and her possible tattoo either. But don't let that stop you from placing an ad... Maybe you'll find your "svelte, buxom blonde" or your "well-endowed could-be model."

Yeah, right.

Christine Osinchuk



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Neal Ozano



NEAL SPEAKS

Exam week, the happiest time of the year. When else can a student stay up to all hours reading literature that is most likely of little or no interest to him or her? None, as far as I know. Your whole university career is a pursuit of futility. Statistics show that most students take an eternity to actually grab a job in their field, while spending the time it takes to pay off their student loans working at Burger Bastard (or some other carcinogenic fast-food chain) for \$5.15 an hour. What is up with this generation? We already know that a university education is as equally useful in the real world as University 100 is to the typical first-year student. Yet we flock to the post-secondary melting pot, and become submissive data dumps for a generation of aging baby-boomers, all of which are equally apathetic towards their task. When will we realize that the be-all and end-all of education is not university. The sole purpose of universities is to further research, be it in Geology or English, and to develop our intellectual interests. Anyone believing that university is going to give you marketable skills in 4 years (or any amount of time) is unreal.

Another reality check: this year, as you finish the first half of your second year of a physics degree, Jimmy, the really dumb boy that no one liked in high school, is completing his internship with Superlotsamoney Construction Corp., with a \$50,000 job lined up for the day after he graduates. While you, Jimmy, sit, reading your (insert your favourite arts/science elective course here) textbook (retail value \$88.50/page), for a mark on a

stanine system that no one even understands. If you're not here for educational enlightenment, it's more than likely that you're not going to get anything out of the university experience other than a really big debt load, and an entire library of nifty drinking games.

But take heart, my disillusioned class-goers, test takers, and essay-spewers. I know that many have come here looking for concrete knowledge about the real world, and have left empty handed. But those of you who make the realization that the meaning of university may be more than just a cram-session for masochistic intellectuals will realize that a lot of people leave with a doctorate in reality. I mean, if you cram 30,000 people of above-average intelligence into one spot, it's more likely that, through discussion and interaction, many of them will leave with a better knowledge of how the world works than Jimmy could every get at Superlotsamoney Co. And it's those of you who realize this that will make up the pool

of thinkers and dreamers of the next century. Stop getting all your education from that text book, and learn a bit from the people around you. Getting a little reality from everyone you talk to is better by far than getting nothing from a professor teaching a course that can't hold your interest for 50 minutes. Skip the class. Join a club, volunteer for something, or just talk to people. You'll get more from that than you could ever get from a course that leaves you with your fingers up your nostrils to the second knuckle.

...we flock to the post secondary melting pot, and become submissive data dumps for a generation of aging baby-boomers, all of which are equally apathetic towards their task.

ON THE BOX

A commentary on the foibles of the media

Supposedly there is a phenomenon whereby a frog will blissfully croak (the other way) in boiling water if you heat the water up slowly enough. A sudden scalding, on the other hand, will send of Kermit hopping for dear life.

The mainstream media can be like that. As Lawrence Grossman (former president of both NBC news and PBS) ruefully notes, the news media thrives on "disorder and crisis, rather than coherence and continuity". We like stories with exciting plot complications, and if there's a hero and villain, then so much the better. Elly Alboim, director of the Canadian Journalism Foundation, notes that media outlets will often exclude issues of great importance if they're perceived to be sufficiently boring. Sex, death and taxes are o.k., but nothing about our ill-functioning democracy if you please.

(Do you recall that Kermit often played the role of a reporter?)

The examples of this institutionalized neglect on the part of the media are legion, but the most glaring travesty has to do with our combined 3/4 trillion dollar debt burden. In the last few years, business reporters have assailed us with images of the rapidly ticking debt clock, but where were these brainiacs in the 70's and 80's when we really needed them?

They were probably lounging in their hot-tubs of complacency. Fine thing, except that many of those hot-tubs have now turned into cauldrons. Frog soup may or may not be on the menu, but the real tragedy is that the rest of us plebes have come to resemble well-behaved lobsters.

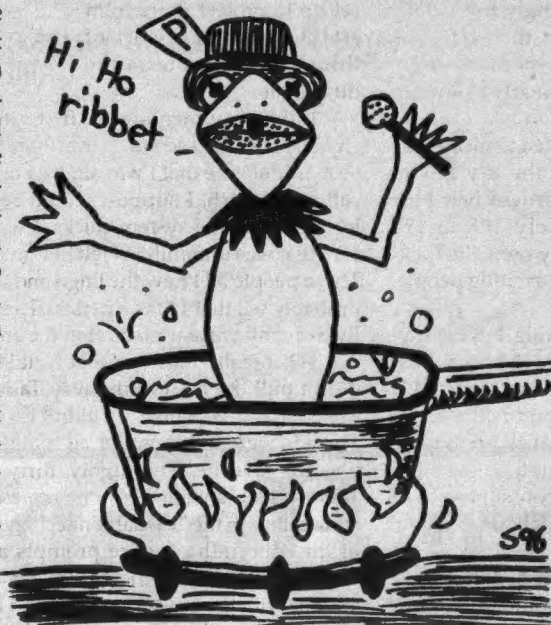
So what's the answer? Well, for one thing, we should recognize the

limitations of Kermit as a reporter—especially if he works for a huge, commercial, oligopolistic news agency. That's because those agencies—rightly or wrongly—will report on a standard hamster on the other side of the continent before they'll make any effort to

to wallow in the slew of the lowest common denominator.

According to Grossman, what is needed (besides breaking up the damn oligopolies) is to take a bit of the 500 channel universe away from the big players, and give it instead to non-profit organizations that can provide "the critically needed quality programming, civic information [and] educational material...that should flow through the public sphere." And "the cost of public service telecommunications providers such as broadcasters and cable operators who, typically, reap large profits from using public rights-of-way."

I can hear the neo-cons grumbling already—and perhaps they have some useful criticisms to contribute to this discussion. Unfortunately, I think we also know that any substantive and sustained public dialogue on this issue (or any other issue, for that matter) just ain't gonna happen on the dominant commercial media which glorifies soap opera bimbos, ultra-violent jocks, and those omnipresent idiots who need a laugh track to sound funny. We might get some familiar rhetoric and a kaleidoscope of images, but true dialogue? Not if Kermit's calling the shots.



foster dialogue on something as complex and boring as global warming or native self-government, etc, etc.

That's fine. If it hops like a frog and croaks like a frog, we shouldn't expect it to guard the house and fetch our slippers in the evening. In other words, all the government regulations in the world can't make a prince out of a medium that loves

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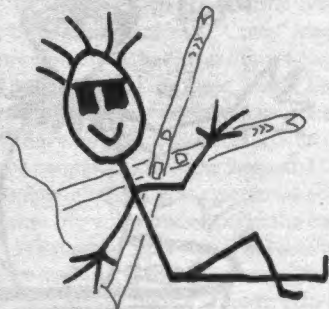
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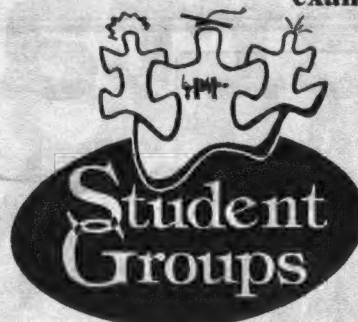
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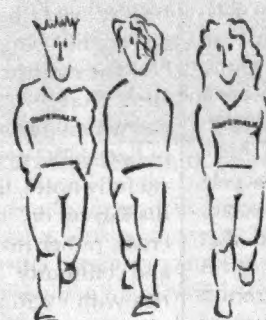


What is Happy Bob gonna do with all his time now that exams are almost over ??



Now would be a good time to check out all the great groups to get involved with on campus. The University of Alberta has over 250 Student organizations on campus - more than any other University in Canada. We have a diverse range of academic, recreational, sport, and special interest clubs as well as ethnic, cultural and religious groups to meet every need. Bob can come in and see either Shelley or Devon for information on existing clubs or for help starting his own. Joining a club is a great way to become more involved on campus and meet great new people in the process. Does Bob know that joining a club is one of the top four factors that contribute to a student's success on campus? Come on in and find out more! Student Group Services can be found in Room 040V lower level SUB. Phone 492-9789 or e-mail clubs@pybus.su.ualberta.ca.

Good Luck with Exams & Merry Christmas from Shelley Frost and Devon Bryce at Student Group Services



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When Happy Bob came to Student Help he was feeling horrible about his exams. He thought he had just failed one of them and still had two more to write. On top of that he was feeling really down because he had to spend the holidays alone here instead of back home with his family. Bob had heard about Student Help from a friend

and he decided to give it a try. He came in and spent half an hour talking over his feelings with one of the caring peer counsellors.

The Student Help environment was quiet and relaxed and he was able to figure out what he wanted to do and made a plan to deal with his situation. He felt a lot less overwhelmed and even had some useful resources to call upon for later. Even though the stressors were still present, Bob knew that he could handle them and that he was not alone.

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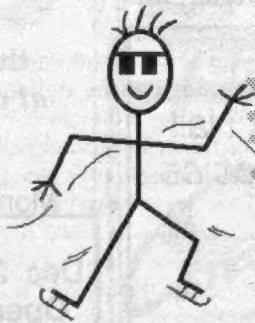
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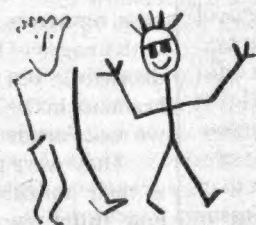
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Info Services



As the end of first term nears and exams approach, Happy Bob knows that the Info desk is a great service to use. He knows that he can order and pick up past exams from the CAB and HUB Info booths. If he is having problems with school, he knows that the Info staff will be able to tell

him which services he can use, their locations, and phone numbers. He knows that he can find bus information at the desks to ensure that he gets to his exams on time. HB can buy his bus pass/tickets and his tickets to the Christmas entertainment event of his choice at the desk. When Happy Bob's paper is due at 3:00pm on December 4th, he knows he can find a stapler at the Info Booth at 2:58pm. Happy Bob knows that the Info staff know where the Education Gym, the Main Gym, and the Pavilion are, and are willing to share this info five minutes before his exam at anyone of the above locations. Happy Bob knows that the Info staff are friendly and have all the answers (or at least know where to find them) to all his questions as he prepares for his exams.

How could the OmbudService help Happy Bob?



As the first semester comes to a close, the Student OmbudService anticipates helping students with many different issues. Many students, after receiving their final grades, feel as though they have not been assessed fairly and are looking to appeal. Whether this be simply talking to the

professor or actually going to a faculty appeal hearing, a student Ombudperson can help you through this process. Another common issue at the end of a semester is how to get a deferred exam. If you have questions with this or any other process, again the OmbudService is an excellent place to visit. Lastly, many faculties now send out letters to students they feel are in danger of being asked to withdraw from the faculty because they have not achieved the minimum GPA requirement. If you do receive such a letter or if you feel that your marks may not meet the GPA requirement of your faculty, we recommend talking to either someone from our office or a faculty advisor to discuss possible options for academic or personal assistance. Although Happy Bob may be anything but happy as the school term ends, there are many student services available to help him, if given the chance.

Good luck on exams!

entertainment

Entertainment Editor: Scott Sharplin 492-7052

SHARPLINES

It's a darn shame that high school English teachers, eager to expose their fresh-faced pupils to the magic of Shakespeare, may have already blown their Bard budget on the recent *Romeo and Juliet* film. While hype abounds for Hollywood's take on the star-crossed lovers, there's a much more interesting figure creeping unnoticed at the fringes of the film scene.

Al Pacino's *Looking for Richard* is remarkable because it succeeds in nearly every respect that *Romeo and Juliet* fails. The tragic tale of the Montagues and Capulets tries very hard to be a major motion picture event. Director Baz Luhrmann obviously figured that since the play was "big," the movie would have to be big to do it justice - and since the play was serious, the movie took itself very seriously indeed. Luhrmann operated on the "if you build it, he will come" principle of movie-making: if he could make a sufficiently grand cathedral in Shakespeare's honour, then he might be blessed with a visitation of Shakespeare's spirit.

Enter Al. *Looking for Richard* is Pacino having fun with a text - namely, *Richard III*. He talks with street kids about Shakespeare. He interviews scholars. He frolics around the construction site of the Globe. And, in the process of some light-hearted but self-indulgent auto-documentary, he manages to convey both a sense of the size and breadth of the play's story and a magical, lyrical sense of the text itself.

Compared to Luhrmann's cathedral to Shakespeare, Pacino's film seems like a humble shrine. The pact that it is suffused with extremely talented actors (Alec Baldwin, Aiden Quinn, Kevin Spacey) doesn't inhibit its giddy, irreverent tone. And yet, for all its levity of subject, it contains more of Shakespeare's sense and spirit than a barrelful of *Romeo and Juliets*.

The deciding factor in this unusual contest may be Kenneth Branagh's *Hamlet*, the sprawling, four-hour epic due out this Christmas. Branagh has always adapted Shakespearean texts with loving care and startling accessibility - but with *Hamlet* being touted as the "definitive" movie version, it looks like we may have another hollow cathedral on our hands. Teachers, fill out your field trip forms with care.

Oh, and one note to prove that I'm not completely hung up on being faithful to the original text. Before we get to *Hamlet*, Hollywood is serving up an epic of another kind - Tim Burton's sci-fi spoof *Mars Attacks!* If you look at the posters, you'll see *Mars Attacks!* is "based on *Mars Attacks!* by Topps." Who's Topps, you ask? Topps is the bubble-gum card company that released a series of invasion-themed trading cards in the 1960s. Yes, *Mars Attacks!* is based on a pack of trading cards.

Hey, why not? Postmodernists love this kind of stuff. The film actually looks pretty cool. In any case, it's sure to be more interesting than its source text ("Ooh, it's card number twenty-three! I'm on the edge of my seat!") And adapting from trading cards is certainly safer than adapting from Shakespeare...since you're less likely to get critics like me complaining about sanctity and spirit.

So build a cathedral. Go nuts. Make a movie based on your grocery list if you like - just make it stylish, because style is what counts in the wacky world of film.

—Scott Sharplin

FAR OUT, GINGER

LIVE MUSIC

Ginger
with The Buicks
at The Rev
Thursday, November 28

It's pretty easy to entertain me when I'm in a good mood. What isn't so easy is to entertain me when I'm grumpy. Fortunately the bands on Thursday were able to do the latter, and proved themselves to be entertainers in one way or another.

The Buicks are a half-Calgary, half-Edmonton quartet who dress quite snappy and work to get people to notice them. The guitarist with the nametag "Coroner" (who will be known as such from hereon in) jumped and pogoed and wandered around the dance floor to gain the attention of the somewhat quiet crowd. People didn't pay any mind to him but rather concentrated on the music the band played. "Spooky" wasn't spooky at all, with dreamy rock guitars, heavy drums and catchy pop riffs. "Friday Night" was upbeat and "Time" was a catchy instrumental; their sound is best described as dreamy pop rock with mixes of Brit pop. The show ended as Coroner jumped off the stage onto one of his friends who danced, and proceeded to do 'the windmill' on the floor. Uh...interesting. Check them out.

The headliners removed themselves from the usual friendliness the Rev provides for bands, allowing interaction with the crowd. Ginger hid in their van until their gear was set up for them and ran away as soon as their encore was over. This doesn't mean their set was any less entertaining. Playing a collection of songs from all three releases, the crowd knew what they liked and cheered at the appropriate times.

"Try to Believe Me" was quiet and slow while "Midnight Man" had hard-driving guitars and a funky-fresh beat. Regressing momentarily to the days of the Grapes, they did a very slow version of "What Was Going Through My Head" much to the delight of those in attendance. Their current single "Everything You're Missing" was

mezzmerizing, as was watching Coroner do "robotman" dancing at the front of the stage. For the encore they did the title song from *Far Out* and the rockier "Feel Like Falling

Down." Then they were off.
All in all, pretty satisfying.

Karen Liebel



Jaroslaw Malanowski

A symphony of spangle-gloss, the front man/bassist of Ginger has power over mere mortals and a distinguishing fashion sense. Fear him.

Deluxe combo

LIVE MUSIC

Spirit of the West
with Edmonton Symphony Orchestra
at the Jubilee Auditorium
Sunday, December 1

It was a pleasantly Canadian concert when Spirit of the West took to the stage with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra Sunday night: some rockin' material ending in a symphonic crescendo, a few good laughs and polite downstage dancing.

A really good balance between the orchestra and band means a lot of hard work and collaboration. It is no wonder the program stuck with most of the songs off the album *Open Heart Symphony*. No one seemed to mind though, simply soaking in the effects of a two-tiered concert for most of the first act. Possibly they were in awe—who's been to a Celtic rock-folk band and sym-

phony orchestra performance, after all? Just as interesting was the audience, from six to sixty, dressing either in complete formal wear or the more relaxed t-shirt and jeans. Strangely enough, everyone fit right in.

There were heartbeats of excitement with such songs as "And if Venice is Sinking" and "Amore," but it was the second half that turned up the heat in the auditorium. A good portion of the main floor leapt to their feet and congregated beneath the stage for "The Crawl," only to wait until the end, when they could let loose again with the popular "Home for Rest," one of Spirit of the West's best-known songs.

Stories preceding the songs led directly into the lyrics. A little repetitive but always playful, Spirit of the West transforms social issues to a whole new dimension. From funerals to parental fears, eating disorders and even grocery lists, the audience got a personal

look at what the twelve-year-old band is all about. Their vocals were right on—rich, powerful and just as intense as Kelly's finger-flying flute playing. Combine all this with a display of an "Olympic beer guzzling" bassist in a kilt and a stage full of symphonic swingers and you get a great deal of fun.

Not to be outdone, composer George Blondheim and the orchestra got the crowd groovin' with "Unfinished Blues," giving Edmontonians a show of the immense classical talent they have at home. The heavy wind instruments could have been, well, less heavy, but for the music in general, the deluxe combo was pretty delicious.

Though the concert never reached explosive heights and was rhythmically fast-slow-fast-slow, a sweet Sunday night feel left most people with a smile on their face.

Crystal Cochrane

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1996: A REVIEW OF ALL THINGS RELEVANT AND IRR-



Karen's Best Campy Music to listen to on the '96 Lounge Circuit:

- 10) Various Artists *Cocktail: Shakin' & Stirred*
- 9) Hawaii Calls *Greatest Hits*
- 8) Tom Jones *The Complete Tom Jones*
- 7) Tom Jobim *The Girl From Ipanema*
- 6) The Mike Flowers Pops *A Groovy Place*
- 5) Stereolab *Space Age Bachelor Pad Music*
- 4) Esquivel *Cabaret Manana*
- 3) The Cardigans *First Band on the Moon*
- 2) Various Artists *The History of Space Age Pop: Vol. 1*
- 1) Herb Alpert's Tijuana Brass *Greatest Hits*



Jill's Top Ten Phrases/Sentences That Should Be Abolished From Common Usage

- 10) "I'm sorry, we haven't received that cheque."
- 9) "Nice tits."
- 8) "Are you raggin'?"
- 7) "Is it your time of the month?"
- 6) "I like you as a friend."
- 5) "...whatnot..."
- 4) "As of yet..."
- 3) "I would like to present..."
- 2) "Isn't it ironic?...Don't you think?"
- 1) "Fuckin' A!"



Wade's Top Ten Days of the Week

- 1) Thursday: I don't have to work on a *Gateway* until Monday, I get to skip class to play hockey, and there's good TV
- 2) Friday: hey, it's everyone's favourite because you don't have school until Monday
- 3) Saturday: it's the party day of the week; need I say more
- 4) Tuesday: everything in the goddamn world is half-price
- 5) Sunday: you have classes the next day, but at least you don't have them on Sunday
- 6) Wednesday: Thursday is around the corner, it's 'hump' day, and the last *Gateway* of the week
- 7) Monday: it just plain sucks
- 8) there are only seven days in a week, so if you're still reading you should be back in kindergarten
- 9) clearly you're either dyslexic or you don't understand English, otherwise you would have stopped at seven
- 10) how many times must I explain this, there are only seven days in a week. You should have stopped at seven, but since you didn't and read all the way to ten you deserve a prize. Go ram your head against a brick wall.

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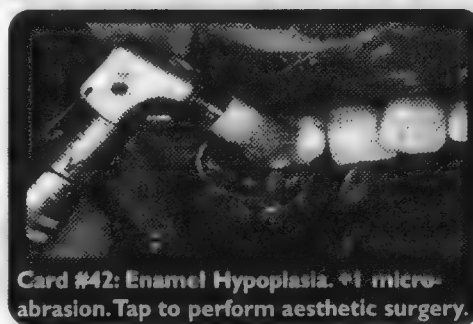
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Chris' Top Ten Christmas Ideas

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- 9) Mucous in a Can!
- 8) Battle Bay Street with new Stock Broker action figures, comes with Armored Silk Suit and Briefcase of Power.
- 7) Bobcat Goldthwaite sings your Christmas faves.
- 6) "Corporate Rapist" the wacky new banking board game.
- 5) Dental surgery trading cards.
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- 3) The Heroin Patch
- 2) Just released on Disney Home Video: Angel the Aids-Baby. Watch her and her plucky street friends in their thrilling adventures...and hear the wonderful songs written by Elton John.
- 1) A nice tie.



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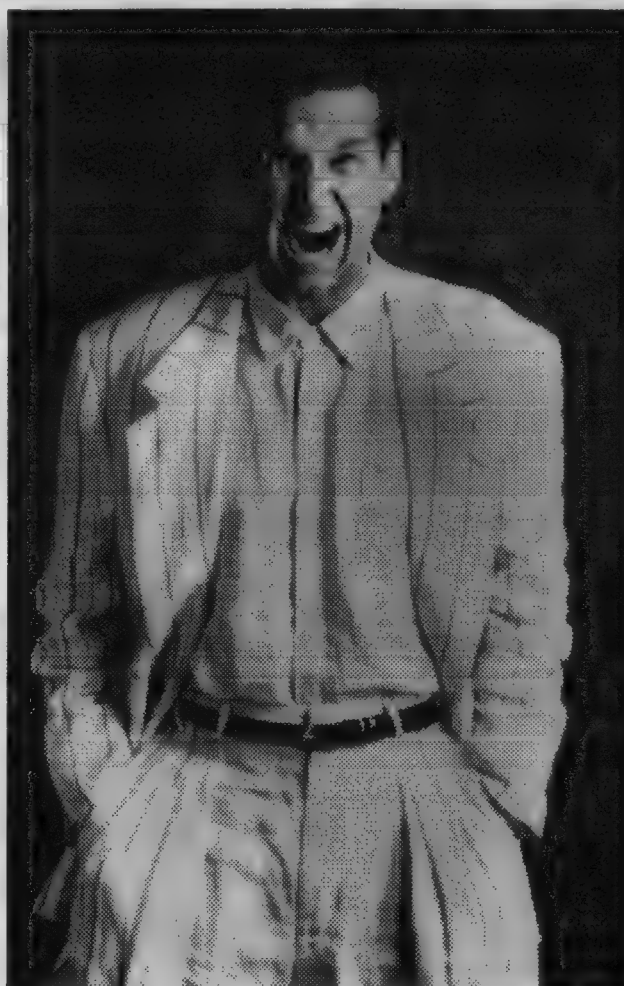


Scott's Top Ten Amazingly Cool Groups I Probably Never Would Have Listened To If It Wasn't For The Gateway

- 10) Strawman
- 9) Drag
- 8) Raincoats
- 7) Suckerpunch
- 6) Scheer
- 5) Difference Engine
- 4) Reacharound
- 3) Sandbox
- 2) Bivouac
- 1) Eels

Shadow's Top Ten Requested Songs on "Life After Death"

- 10) Electric Head Pt. II—White Zombie
- 9) Head Tractor—Perceptual Distortion
- 8) Virus—KMFDM
- 7) Stigmata—Ministry
- 6) Meat Sandwich—GWAR
- 5) Faget—Korn
- 4) Marijuana Motherfucker—D.O.A.
- 3) Beautiful People—Marilyn Manson
- 2) Self-Bias Resistor—Fear Factory
- 1) Walk—Pantera



Atul's Top Ten Movies of the Year (with a couple from last year)

- 10) Ransom
 - 9) Braveheart
 - 8) Sleepers
 - 7) Swingers
 - 6) Great White Hype
 - 5) Rush (the band, not the movie)
 - 4) Fatherland
 - 3) 12 Monkeys
 - 2) Fargo
 - 1) Nixon
- Honourable Mention:
Chris Woo does Wainwright
Pete Pachal's Penetration Playhouse
Fish and Steve: The Movie (whoops, those are home movies)



Rose's Top Ten Reasons Why Women Shouldn't Shave Their Legs

- 10) If you devoted the hours spent shaving to writing books, you'd make Leo Tolstoy look like an illiterate Mongoloid
- 9) There are better things to spend money on than pink Gillette daisy razors
- 8) You'll be more attractive to recently thawed Neanderthals fresh from the Antarctic
- 7) It's 20 below—don't turn your back on free insulation
- 6) Leg hair responds a LOT more erotically to touch than stubble does
- 5) Why let European women have all the continental sophistication?
- 4) Unlike stubble, leg hair doesn't poke holes in your nylons
- 3) You'll have time to do more, uh, stimulating things in the shower
- 2) Guys only have to shave their chins—and even that's optional
- 1) You'll have a whole new way to experiment with hair styling



Christine's Top Ten Favourite Songs of 1996

- 1) Swallow—Bush X
- 1) How Bizarre—OMC
- 1) Always Forever—Donna Lewis
- 1) Angels of the Silences—Counting Crows
- 1) Who the Hell You Think You Are?—Hard Core Logo
- 1) Peaches—Presidents of the United States of America
- 1) Jerk—Kim Stockwood
- 1) La-La-La-Lafontaine—Wade Tymchak
- 1) Hey Man, Nice Shot—Filter
- 1) Zero—Sam Phillips

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Lauren's Top Ten Stupid Things People Buy

- 10) Assorted shades of the same colour of lipstick
- 9) Non-alcoholic alcohol
- 8) Adhesive bras
- 7) \$20 pantyhose
- 6) Temporary tattoos
- 5) Self-help books
- 4) Make-up removal pads
- 3) Sophist-o-Twist
- 2) Bottled water
- 1) Scented anti-perspirant

Tyler's Top Ten Sexy Spleen Sizes and Colours

- 10) small and lemon
- 9) mighty and ecru
- 8) brodingnagian and teal
- 7) gargantuan and orange
- 6) shrivelled and blue
- 5) gigantic and purple
- 4) titanic and crimson
- 3) lilliputian and khaki
- 2) infinitesimal and crystal
- 1) large and dun



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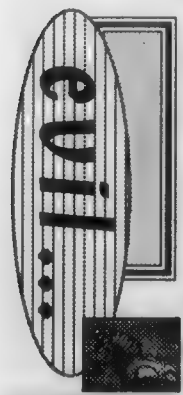
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DON'T PUT THEM OFF



Hey, hey, they're the Procrastinators. Turtle included.

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rhythms of drummer Roger Piquette. Together they're a fun band and pretty decent for having been around for a year.

After a short break, The Procrastinators took the stage, dressed casually with the exception of lead singer Tom's lovely vintage three-piece suit. Tom, Craig, and Kelly plugged into their juice, and drummer Lynn greased up with Gorilla Snot, they jumped into their show. Ironically, it took the same Duran Duran song to tap into the crowd's primal urges (who said the eighties were dead?) The Procrastinators played a number of songs off their CD, *Where's the fire...sonny?* along with punkified versions of other artists' work, making songs like The Nylon's "In the Jungle" moshing-and-thrash-worthy. They even had a die-hard enthusiast climb on to the stage—gyrating and pelvic thrusting himself to Heaven—to further enhance his experience of the music. They let him stay, being the nice people that they are (or do I dare say scared?) until finally, four songs later, someone from the audience yanked him off.

The band's energy was the real treat of their performance. The combination of parading guitarists going to, fro, up, and down on the floor, Tom's cool wailings and rendition of Billy Idol, and the flying woods of the drummer, made them a fun band to watch. The lead vocalist chatted amiably with the audience between their songs (often plugging their new CD) and was quite at home on stage, semi-mounting the speakers and leaning on the guitarists. The Procrastinators have catchy riffs and a folksy-hard rock-punky style. I can't understand the comparison, though, between them and Moxy Früvous (to whom they've been repeatedly compared.)

The Procrastinators have been on the scene for four years now, the only superstition that they have is "tuning their guitars," and I think it's working for them. They're entertaining, energetic fun performers, it's easy to see why they are opening for Captain Tractor this Wednesday's at Santa Stomp. Check 'em out!

Anna Jwaszko

LIVE MUSIC

The Procrastinators
with Mr. Suede UK
at the Bus Barns
Saturday, November 30

They call themselves the Procrastinators (after their first original song) but admittedly, this doesn't describe this home-spun band. Two hours before Saturday's show got started, the Procrastinators and the

openers Mr. Suede UK (not to be confused with the notorious musical group or dry-cleaning company) had already set up and ironed themselves out. The chilly Strathcona Bus Barns had a relaxed atmosphere with a score of long tables and chairs set up before the dance floor and lit stage, barricades blocking off the ever sacred greenroom, and three bartenders serving quality refreshments of course, a far cry from the Procrastinators pioneering performance on Access

Network.

People slowly filtered in, many sporting bowling shirts in the spirit of Mr. Suede UK, or Procrastinator apparel of hats, shirts, or simply turtle stickers. Mr. Suede UK sashayed onto the stage and kicked off the first of their two sets with a couple of lazy but pleasant songs. Once warmed up, they tapped into Duran Duran's "Hungry Like The Wolf," and the dance floor was filled with hopping-bopping dancers (and some dancing just to keep warm.)

Paying homage to series of bands, Mr. Suede UK were easy to listen to. They played a variety of what they referred to as "ass-grabbing" songs from the Goo Goo Dolls, The Tragically Hip, Matthew Sweet and Neil Young. While they don't have a new or even vaguely startling sound, they still provided much entertainment with the incredible energy of Stephen Toal's guitar and solid

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sports

Sports Editor: Wade Tymchak 492-5068

26 seconds from sorrow

Bears Jickling rescues team from split with 26 seconds left to play

by Wade Tymchak

The University of Alberta's inaugural 'Dino Extinction Tour' was nearly a smashing success except for the U of A Golden Bears hockey team's 2-2 tie against the Calgary Dinosaurs on Sunday night.

However, for the Bears, who beat the Dinos 3-2 in Calgary on Saturday, capturing three out of four possible points against the Dinos was something of coup d'état. Mark this day, it's not often the Bears will be satisfied with not winning.

"This team is going to play the same way every night whether you throw them together Christmas Eve on somebody's slough or whether you play in a national championship."

— Bears head coach Rob Daum on the dedication of his team

"They were ranked number one, they hadn't lost a game, we took three out of four points. Yeah, we're happy. We would have loved having four points, but we're not going to scoff at taking three from Calgary," said Bears assistant captain Paul Strand.

"We definitely wanted four points out of four, but we'll take three ... and build off that," added the Bears Mike Jickling.

The Bears, however, were a bit lucky they didn't lose on Sunday in front a sparse hometown crowd. It was only due to the dedicated efforts of the line of Mike Jickling, Cam Danyluk, and Scott Lindsay



Jennifer Park

The Golden Bears goaltender Dale Masson, seen here making one of his many saves, stood on his head against the vaunted Dinos offence and turned them aside to deliver the Bears three out of four points against the previously undefeated Dinos. The three point weekend failed to move the Bears up in the CIAU rankings, but it did drop the Dinos down in the rankings.

that the Bears tied. With only 26 seconds left in the game Danyluk blocked the Dinos goaltender, Mark Dawkins, out of the play and Jickling banged in his third goal of the year.

"We can't complain with three

[points] especially since we almost lost the second game," said Bears goaltender Dale Masson.

Compared to past years when Calgary games were soldout this crowd didn't come close to that. However, the empty seats didn't

seem to affect the Bears who outshot the Dinos 40-27 and played a strong, inspired game.

"This team plays the same whether there's five people in the stands or 5000 ... and that's a credit to the mental toughness of the

players. This team is going to play the same way every night whether you throw them together Christmas Eve on somebody's slough or whether you play in a national championship," said Bears head coach Rob Daum.

The difference this weekend was not one of those things that can be measured easily. It was a match-up of two evenly matched teams and the Bears came out on top because of some hard work, successful special teams, and key goaltending.

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"We worked harder than they did. The game in Calgary we outworked them for 60 minutes," said Masson.

"Our penalty killing was great," added Jickling "Mace [Masson] played excellent each game."

"Our power play and our penalty kill took the game away," added Strand "Dale Masson played a hell of a weekend."

Statistically, the Bears looked like they made the Dinos an endangered species, but the Bears came within 26 seconds of being the extinct team on the ice on Sunday.

'Dino Extinction Tour' survives

by Wade Tymchak

Not since the Tragically Hip's latest tour hit Edmonton has there been such a successful tour to take this city by storm as the University of Alberta's 'Dino Extinction Tour' which rolled into town last weekend.

'The Tour' was a huge success as the three U of A sports teams in action this weekend against the University of Calgary Dinosaurs came within one point of a complete sweep. The U of A's triumph over the Dinos certainly open some people's eyes.

"I think most teams respect the talent and depth we have here at the U of A and this just legitimized it," said Bears hockey player Mike Jickling.

The weekend was supposed to kick-off with volleyball Thursday with the men playing in Edmonton and the women in Calgary. However, poor road conditions and whether down south postponed the volleyball Battle of Alberta.

The 'Dino Extinction Tour' kick-off then went on Friday as the Bears and Pandas basketball teams

hosted the Dinos and they made the Dinos endangered. The Pandas won 75-64 and the Bears won 87-74.

Saturday the Bears and Pandas finally made the Dinos an extinct species. The Pandas won 75-71 and the Bears earned a 94-89 victory.

That same evening the Bears hockey team was beginning the last leg of the 'Tour' down in Calgary where they won 3-2 in a hard fought game that epitomized the weekend and the entire tour.

"It was a battle. It was physical and emotions ran high and it

was everything I thought it would be," said Jickling.

On Sunday the Bears and Dinos returned to Clare Drake to close out the 'Tour' and they managed to save 'the Tour' by getting a 2-2 tie with 26 seconds left.

Despite the rousing success of the 'Tour' it wasn't easy and the last game of the hockey series showed just how close the U of A came to not making the Dinos an extinct species.

"This is exactly what we expected. We knew it would be two games that would be hard fought,

we knew they were going to be real battles," said Bears hockey head coach Rob Daum.

However, the Dinos are the most hated team in the league by all the U of A athletes, some of them think there are worse foes than the Dinos.

"I think Lethbridge has a bigger bunch of idiots on their team," said Bears hockey goaltender Dale Masson.

Nonetheless, the U of A managed to make the Dinos think that their days are numbered in the jungle that is the CWUAA.

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David Chan

"Free ball! Free ball!" There weren't too many of those this weekend as the U of A Bears swept the U of C Dinos in the first Battle of Alberta of the year. The Bears made their contribution to the 'Dino Extinction Tour' with an 87-74 win on Friday and a 94-89 victory on Saturday to go to 5-1 on the season. The 5-1 record leaves the Bears in good shape heading into the Christmas break.

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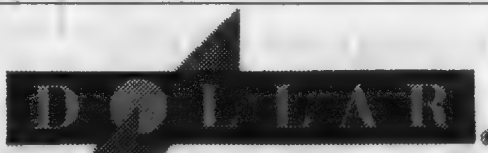
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Laid out

by Brandice Shostak

The Dinos laid out one of our guys, but the Bears flattened their whole team.

The University of Alberta Golden Bears basketball team ran roughshod over the University of Calgary Dinos last weekend as they downed the southerners 87-74 and 94-89.

Friday night the Golden Bears were looking like a team in top form and looked like they had the

points Friday, is impressed with the progression of the team.

"The guys busted their asses today, and it was awesome ... we're getting better every weekend," he said.

Saturday night the Dinos weren't as easily brushed off, but they didn't exactly put up a huge fight either.

Both teams began playing tough defence, with the first basket not coming until 1:08 into the

"The guys busted their asses today, and it was awesome ... we're getting better every weekend."

— Bears captain Jeff Collier on the effort the Bears turned in

game in the bag right from the tip-off.

Calgary is a run-and-gun team, one that relies on fast breaks and getting the ball down the court quickly.

Friday night the Bears were able to slow down the Dinos offence considerably, forcing Calgary to run the clock and throwing them off their pace.

Part of controlling the Dinos offence was rebounding, and the Bears definitely worked the boards too their advantage.

"The key to stopping their fast break is getting offensive rebounds. Everybody was crashing the boards, and it was fantastic," said Golden Bears captain Jeff Collier.

Collier himself contributed to the rebounding effort Friday as he finished the game with 14 rebounds.

The Bears were looking strong in the first-half, leading the Dinos 45-35 after 20 minutes.

Although they continued to play well in the second-half, the Bears weren't quite as dominant as they had been before the break.

Both teams picked it up for the last four minutes of play, going on a quick scoring run.

The Golden Bears managed to hang-on and came away with their biggest win this year downing the Dinos 87-74.

Collier, who racked up 32

game when Alberta's Mikel Schmidt put up a beautiful three-pointer.

The first half saw the Golden Bears slowing down the Dinos even more than they had the previous night, making the Dinos conform to Bears-style basketball.

Calgary was helped by the return of one of their top players, who had missed Friday's game.

Josh Goertzen, 1995-96 CWUAA rookie-of-the-year, did not play Friday due to an injured back, sustained when he was submarined by Christopher Orr of Lethbridge the previous weekend.

But even the return of their tallest man could not save the Dinos, and they retired to the locker room down by six at the half.

The second 20 minutes saw more solid defence by both teams.

U of A guard Mikel Schmidt went down just after the 10-minute mark as he was laid out by Goertzen under the basket.

"I've done this before," said Schmidt, "let's just say I'm glad we're going into a three-week break now."

Rookie Chris Horwood was brought in to shoot the foul shots for Schmidt, while the shooting guard shook off the fall.

Horwood made good use of his court time picking up four points in the thirty seconds he was on the floor.

Calgary kept up the defence for the rest of the game, making a scoring rush with three minutes remaining.

"Towards the end of the game we got a little complacent and rested on our lead, we can't do that. We have to just keep going after them the whole time," Schmidt said.

Calgary's last dying effort of the weekend was a three-pointer at the buzzer to put the final score at 94-89 for Alberta.

The Golden Bears are now 5-1 going into the Christmas break and are ready to pick up exactly where they left off when they return in January.

"It feels very good to be going into the break 5-1. We've got some really tough games when we come back," said Golden Bear Darren Semeniuk.

The Bears will be on the road for the first two weekends after the holiday break.

Last Chance is first chance

Bears warm-up for the CIAU track and field season with the Last Chance meet

by Denise Fernandes

The month of December is usually filled with a lot of last chances for university students. Last chance to finish the class readings, last chance to study for exams, last chance to pass those exams...

The University of Alberta track and field team decided to add to that list of last chances this weekend when they attended the Last Chance meet at the U of A Butterdome.

It was a chance for U of A head coach Marek Glowacki to check out some of the rookies that are out there to replace the athletes he lost to graduation.

Those rookies will have huge shoes to fill this year, as last years team had many medal winners, most of whom have left.

Therefore, the track and field

team is undergoing a rebuilding phase this year, and Glowacki doesn't expect the team will do as well as the team last year.

"We will be weaker than we were last year, but we are rebuilding this year. 60 per cent of this team is rookies [and] they are promising."

Despite the youth of this year's squad Glowacki was impressed with the team's showing at the Last Chance meet. The meet was mainly a

warm-up for the rookies, but two CIAU standards were achieved and Glowacki was pleased that one of those standards came from a rookie.

"The surprise was Hubert Green, he's a rookie and he ran the 60 m in 7.00, that's a CIAU

"The surprise was Hubert Green, he's a rookie and he ran the 60 m in 7.00, that's a CIAU qualifier. The future for this team looks bright."

— U of A track head coach Marek Glowacki on the brightest light in his arsenal of promising rookies

qualifier. The future for this team looks bright. John Kistenkas also achieved the CIAU standard with his personal best time," said Glowacki.

Glowacki's expectations of this year's team are a little lower than last year. Mostly because of the loss of experienced and successful veterans, but also because this year's team will be led by rookies simply because of the huge number of them.

"I expect Kistenkas to get his national title. We should also do well in the distance events with athletes who will get CIAU qualifiers later," said Glowacki.

Fortunately for Glowacki, this meet was not his team's last chance to shine. However, with such inexperience his team might not get many chances to shine.



'Cosmic Justice' to the rescue

The Pandas, traditionally the CWUAA punching bag, finally on top.

by Jon Jarvis

You could call it 'cosmic justice'.

After serving as the Canada West doormat for the past couple of seasons, and then having to weather the frustrations of rebuilding an inexperienced team, the Pandas are finally riding high.

Although they have yet to face the undefeated University of Victoria, the second place Pandas are 5 and 1 and find themselves in an enviable position.

Looking up in the standings, after being swept over the weekend, and as green as can be are the disheveled University of Calgary Dinos.

Along with Victoria, the University of Calgary have always been a real power house, the class of the Canada West, but when the Dinos strolled into Varsity Gym last weekend they were not the same team that took five of six from the Pandas last season.

The Dinos were minus second team All-Canadian Meagan Koch, and the Pandas were ready to start a new trend in this inter-provincial rivalry. One that saw the number two appear in the win column rather than the loss column.

The outclassed Dinos were no match for the Pandas dominating

inside game and weren't deep enough to run with the Pandas for forty minutes.

The Pandas breezed to victory on Friday 75-64 as Jackie Simon poured in a career high 33 points.

Saturday the Dinos put up a better fight but the new look Pandas clung to their lead as Jackie Simon was once again unstoppable in the low post as the Pandas won 75-71.

"I think our inside game made the difference," said point guard Kristy Wiebe. "Jackie was the most dominating player on the court."

The Pandas needed a strong performance from last year's CWUAA rookie-of-the-year, Jackie Simon, as Rania Burns (last year's leading scorer for the Pandas) couldn't play on Friday.

For the weekend Simon averaged 60 per cent shooting from the floor, 28 points per game and 9 rebounds as she was awarded a much deserved athlete-of-the-week award.

The Pandas can now relax and go into the Christmas break with a winning record and more importantly, a winning attitude.

"We've reached our goals so far and we're happy with being 5 and 1," added Wiebe, "but hopefully we don't lose what we have going

because we have some of our hardest matches after Christmas."

With almost a month between now and the next time the University of Alberta Pandas play their next regular season game, the Pandas will look to a four day tournament in Regina over the break to

keep their winning ways finely honed.

"We're starting to gel as a team," said guard Maevie Maguire, "and this is the best record we've had at the Christmas break since I've been here, but we can't be too satisfied with

how we're playing until we meet Vic."

For the Pandas, what has gone around for years has finally come back around with a positive twist as it is now their turn to dish out some helpings of humble pie.

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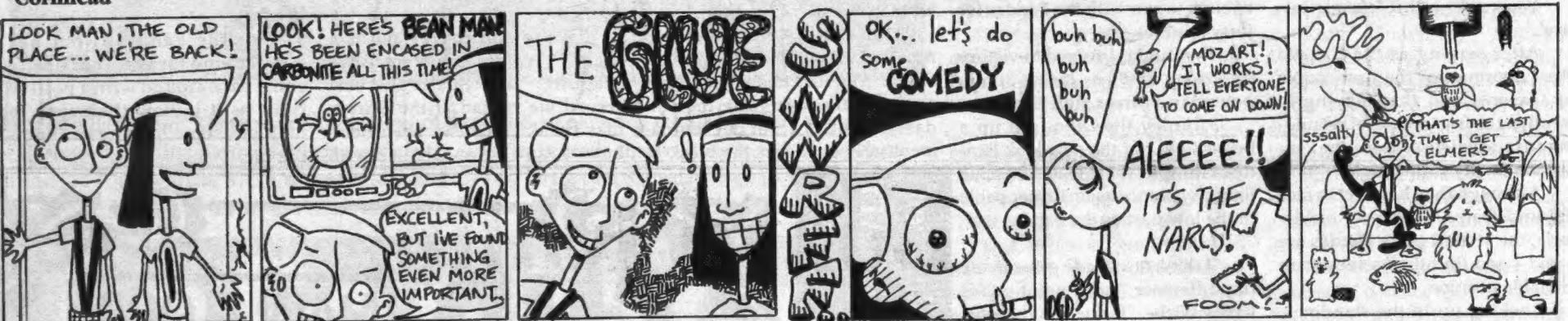
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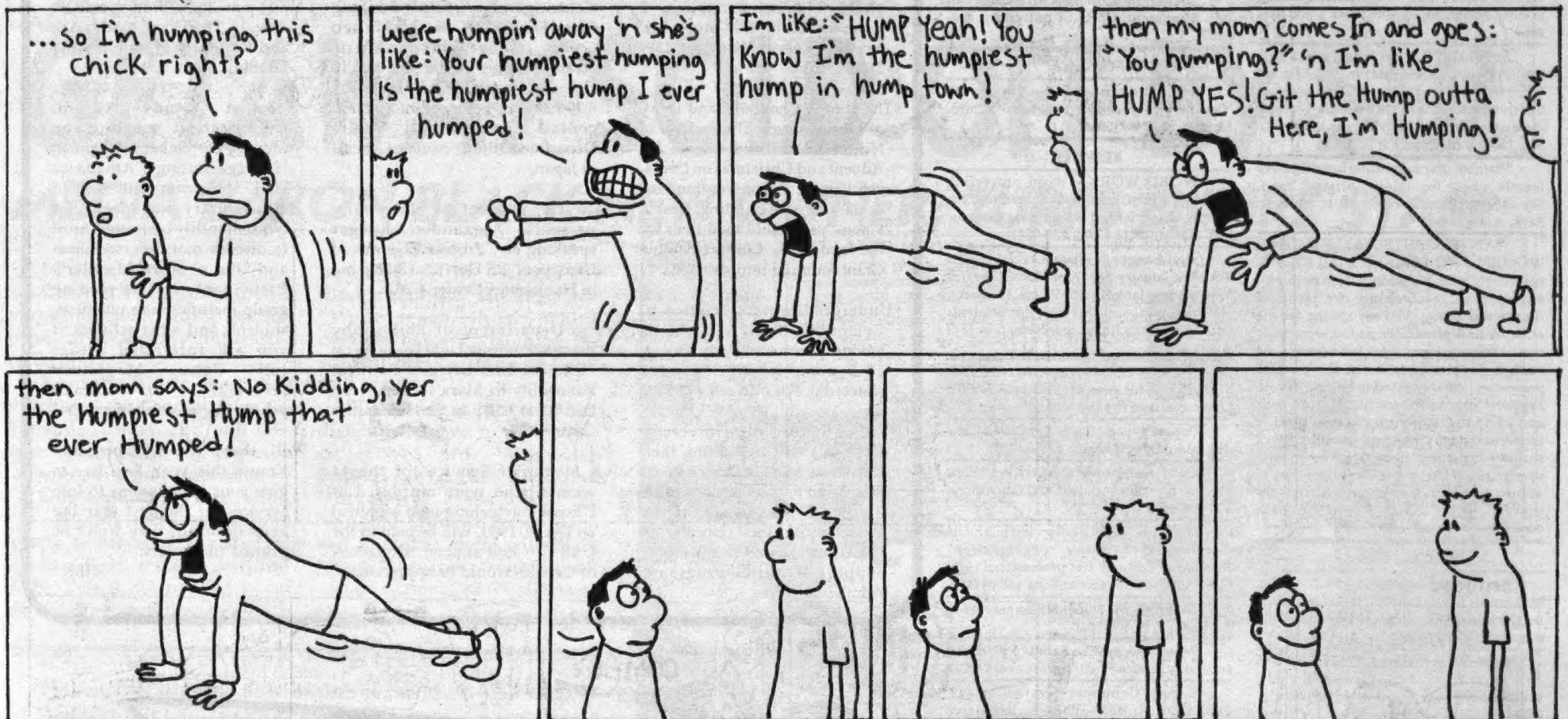
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Complainant: Amanda Read

Date of Ruling: November 20, 1996

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Andrew Sharpe, regular member

Facts: In the process of accepting applications for the CRO position, the Nomination Committee extended the application deadline after which they only posted one further advertisement in the Gateway. The complainant argued that after the original deadline the provisions of Bylaw 2050.18(d) were not met, these are:

The Nomination Committee shall advertise fully in two (2) consecutive issues of the Gateway not less than one (1) week before the application deadline all positions available for students participation in the Students' Union

The S.U. advertised on the 10th and 12th of September, thereby satisfying the original requirements; however, after the deadline extension there was only one advertisement on Sept. 26th which was one day before the new deadline.

Issue: must the Nomination committee follow the same guidelines for extensions as they must for the original job posting.

Ruling: the Board felt that extensions of deadlines are a reasonable and common industry custom implemented for administrative expediency. They are not prohibited within the Bylaw, and cannot be treated as new postings. Therefore, the Bylaw's conditions were fulfilled before the extension and the Nomination Committee was under no further obligation to follow Bylaw 2050.18(d)

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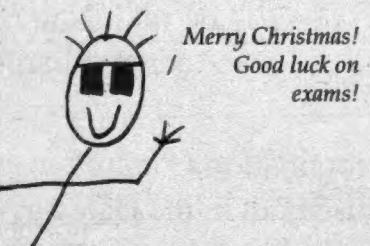
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• The American Indian Science and Engineering Society presents Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth Bannock Sale on Dec. 3 - 4, between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., in CAB. For more inf. contact Kelvin Wong, at 439-2143.

• The U of A Chaplains and Dept. of Music present The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas on Dec. 4, at 5:15 p.m., at Convocation Hall in the Old Arts Building. Cost is a non-perishable food item for the food bank. Contact Pauline Grant for more info. 492-7524.

• Undergraduate Association of Computing Science (UACS) is having a Terminal Party, Dec. 4, at 5 p.m., in Bio. Sci. 422 (cafeteria). For info call 492-5302

• The Friends of University Hospitals will be hosting their Christmas Market Place Sale on Dec. 5 and 6, and Dec. 12 and 13, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, at the University of Alberta Hospital on the Atrium Floor. Proceeds go to support Hospital programs. Admission is free.

• The Consulate General of Japan, Friends of the U of A Hospital, and The Japan Foundation present "Print Works By Japanese Contemporary Artists." Running form Dec. 6-29, at McMullen Gallery, in The Walter Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre 8440-112 St. Opening reception Dec. 5, between 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information contact The Cultural Affairs Department, the Consulate General of Japan.

• The Department of Philosophy presents Alexander Rueger speaking on "Process Theories of Causation" on Dec. 5, at 3:30 p.m., in Humanities Center 4-29.

• The Department of Philosophy presents Andrew Light speaking on "Interest, Identity and Political Rationality in Marx's Capital" on Dec. 12, at 3:30 p.m., in Humanities Centre 4-29.

• A Memorial Service for the 14 women who were murdered at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal on Dec. 6, 1989, will be held in the CAB Cafeteria at noon. Donations or Candles would be appreciated.

• The FOCUS Club presents a large screen video projection of Creation in Symphony :
—Dec. 6, Wonders of Creation, at 5:15 p.m., in Ed Bldg. room 129.
—Dec. 13, The Flood, Noah's Ark and Restoration, at 5:15 p.m., Ed. Bldg. room 129.

• Socialist Study Group: Organization meeting on Monday December 9, 4:30pm in Heritage Lounge, Athabasca Hall. The group will start in mid-January and meet on a twice-monthly basis until April to discuss marxism, socialism and "the new world order". Participants in this reading group include trade unionists, students and other activists. If you are interested please call Peter Matilainen (471-4927) or email pcherny@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca

Well, that's it for Happy Bob Knows this year. Feel free to give your submissions to Info Services for the next year, but keep in mind, they won't be printed 'til January.

-HBK

three lines free

Shadow & Silhouette

Allison in DRAMA 149: I have all your music here at the Gateway! You can come down here and get it 010 sub. Neal
Bossman—Xmas is a time 4 miracles but mine came 6 months early! Look 4ward 2 ringin' in 1 of many New Years w/ U!! Working Girl
Blonde gymnast in Peds 303 (mwf 12:00) U R cute. wanna meet. shy guy
Secret Agent Man: Hope your stocking is full this X-mas. 3girls

Mrs. Witherspoon, Thanks for being the greatest prof in the universe! 372 A7
D.Michael— Bon anniversaire mon petit chou! XOXO From: Sin@Lin & other especially saucE chicks
Rest in peace Tiny Tim. The tulips won't be the same without you. Love, Skipper
X-Ray Man: This blue-eyed girl became blue-eyed whore. —Animal Girl

To the young lady across from HC 2-30 @10:00, you are very attractive, do you have a name? Admiring Onlooker
To all our friends, Have very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. See you all in January 97. Good luck in exams. Luv H&H Dan from Rebar, Sat. Would love to see you again. Reply in TLF. Coffee? Charmaine
Picard: Quich qoS: Many Happy Returns, Q Mango Jacket boy Sub, mwf 10. We'd die to taste the forbidden fruit. 2:1 —Sub Girls
Happy 18th Birthday you Happy Hostess! Party Hard Erin! Ciao babe! L.p.
To the Hot east Indian girl in Rowsby's CIVE 270 class, tr 12:30, you make my beam deflect.

Big Red Coat: Coffee would be great! Meet me 4pm Dec4th @ A&W. If this is not a good time for you, hope you have a merry XXXmas anyway. —Black Jacket Lady
Close the door, shitty... HA HA HA
Hey Stinky, that's 3 demerits. Merry Christmas. From, Alway Rockhard
To the cute blonde in the Tues/Thurs 12:30 Dance class. I like the way you move baby. From guy with red toque
Fellow Camillians of 95: Can't wait to party in the Deer! Good luck on exams y'all! Your Pal, A.D.

Space, your car smells like beer — Molson Canadian air freshener, eh? That's a new one —OWT

To the "Be", Happy 20th Birthday!! We all love you and your great sense of humor that never fails to cheer us up. Keep on laughing. Love from all the wannabe's

EE201 Dave w/ nifty blue mitts & nice ass: U R Hot! We want to have your children. Sassy girls

Happy 19th B-day Wizzie! Pum-Pum says "Hi!" Don't overdo it @ Squires cuz the GOD will be watching. Poopsie & Bitch

To the Fabulous woman who turned in my wallet: Thank you! You're a saint. Allison Larchu, my biggest fear is December, when he has to go. I hope for a few cards & letters & 1 long distance call...

Happy B-day Big Galute (too bad we have to study) Lots of Love, your Little Chicken To the Greek God who works at SubGames room on Tues. nights —You rock my world — An Admirer

Merry(Happy)early(belated)Christmas(Birthday) Jen. May the sun always shine on you, no matter who is frowning(snowing). Sam :)
JAS: Am I tall/short? Do you know which class? A curious LINC girl w/ short br. hair & br. eyes

Have a very merry Christmas Debbie. From S.S. of N.P. (HOH OHO)
Hus apt 2A, 9004... We continue to love your creative window decorations. Thank you for brightening our day. Hus Info God/desses
Fellow Freaks and Artisans, Hairy Christmas, and Snappy New Year —the flea (still single)

Tim Roth Boy, I've had the time of my life, never felt this way before, it's the truth, and I owe it all to you. Rave Girl
Alec—I Hope you never stop "pawing" no matter what your mom says! Happy 3yrs and 21st! Shoo

To the guy in Cameron S.H. Fri.Nov.29: Thanks for your help on Bio 207 Lab practice exam. I didn't get your name... Girl in Cam.S.H.
Hey Vixen, Happy 18th Birthday, hope you get everything you want. Love Always, the Pouncer Hupka, the sauce is good, Ranger
Pooh Bear, My "Dream Lover", "You'll always be my Baby", "All I want for Christmas is You!" Tamara

JPGirls: I don't think that was me. But I have a good idea who you're after. JPGuy
I'll miss you, rutabaga. From a kumquat
Merry Christmas to the U of A elite: Danny, Pat, Nathan, Mila, Graham, Daniel, Mark, Gail, Mike, Angela— you know who you are! Mr. Goatee Man, You can be my pillow anytime! Mistress of the Night

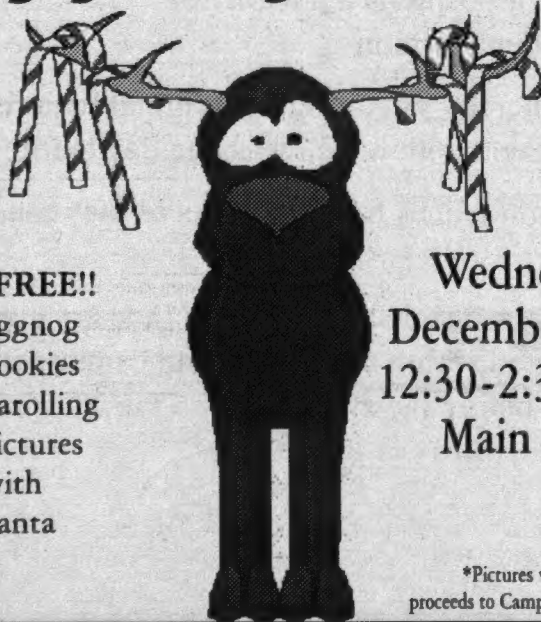
Shy 343 Girl — There could be a smile. Say Hi sometime — Shier 343 guy
Oakly hat, St. Albert A3 4:07 mwf. You always look awesome! Coffee perhaps? Red Jacket Girl

little ice cube — Keep trying... it means the world to me. oh boyee, oh boyee, oh boyee Ho! Ho! Ho! Mick the JIGALO! X-mas special, will dance for food. Shake your booty! Smiling girl in CEB Fri 8:00, walking against the flow — next time, let's not both look away. Tall Geer

Tom(?) I'm glad you were so thrilled to meet me. Here's your TLF (finally). —Silhouette
John Paul II staffer in Ed lounge (tr). WOW! Taken? I am. Entranced red-headed Admirer Big Red, I hear the pouncer is lurking. Watch out! Love you!! Vixen

Writing on the wall: Prince C proposed to his beloved Cindy. They're in the process of living reasonably happily ever after
Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, a Shadow was stirring, he ate a mouse. (well, I was hungry!) :)

Students' Union EGGNOG PARTY



FREE!!
• Eggnog
• Cookies
• Carolling
• Pictures with Santa

**Wednesday,
December 4th
12:30-2:30 pm
Main Floor,
SUB**

*Pictures with Santa \$1, proceeds to Campus Food Bank

ROOM AT THE TOP

**Thursday 5th
Special Party
"Mistletoe Mixer"**

**Friday 6th
INGA'S NIGHT OUT!**

**Saturday 7th
GATEWAY Volunteer
party**

**Monday 9th
Purple
Haze**

**Tuesday 10th
Tennessee
Tuesday**

**Wednesday 11th
Country Night**